

*From the desk of...*



GEORGE L. CHRISTENSON  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY CLERK

Dear Neighbor,

I hope 2022 is off to a wonderful start for you! Winter is in full swing and while Milwaukee County has so much to offer this time of the year, I'm personally looking forward to spring already!

As you know, these past two years have been difficult for everyone. Many of us have suffered the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and even lost loved ones, friends, and colleagues to this terrible illness. Daily life has changed as well. People are working from home, struggling to find childcare, and unable to travel or visit each other. This has been a powerful reminder that our time here is precious and limited. I have recommitted myself to serving others, staying healthy for my family, and doing my part to defeat COVID-19. I encourage everyone to wear a mask, get vaccinated, practice social distancing and perhaps most importantly, be kind to one another. If we all do our part and act now, we will get through this together.

I want to take this opportunity to share with you useful information on the services my office provides and to highlight other services offered by Milwaukee County government. I've also included information about recreational and cultural activities you can take advantage of throughout the year.

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve as your County Clerk. **It's my ongoing mission to provide the highest quality service to the public at the lowest cost to the taxpayers.**

My dedicated staff and I are here to help you! Please contact us by phone at (414) 278-4067 or via email at [countyclerk@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:countyclerk@milwaukeecountywi.gov) if we can be of service to you.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George L. Christenson".

George L. Christenson  
Milwaukee County Clerk  
[www.milwaukee.gov/CountyClerk](http://www.milwaukee.gov/CountyClerk)

**"ALWAYS SHOW MORE KINDNESS THAN  
SEEMS NECESSARY BECAUSE THE PERSON  
RECEIVING IT NEEDS IT MORE THAN  
YOU WILL EVER KNOW."**

**– GENERAL COLIN POWELL**





## 2020 ELECTION YEAR IN REVIEW

Free and fair elections are the bedrock of our democracy. In addition to his other elected duties, Clerk Christenson serves as Executive Director of the Milwaukee County Election Commission and has the honor and responsibility of administering elections throughout Milwaukee County. Milwaukee County Election Commission staff takes great pride in making sure that process is efficient, accurate, and transparent.

When the 2020 calendar year began, the Milwaukee County Election Commission was prepared to carry out its mission of administering the spring and fall federal, state, and local elections. With the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, general civil unrest, and electoral challenges, including a Presidential Election Recount, the 2020 election cycle became one that will not soon be forgotten.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and issued several Executive Orders to protect the citizens of Wisconsin. This order did not affect elections, election processes, or timelines. The Milwaukee County Election Commission office remained open, and staff bravely performed their duties despite the health risks.



*Clerk Christenson distributing PPE to polling locations.*

Two immediate challenges were a limited supply of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and a greatly reduced availability of poll workers. The fear and uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, coupled with the fact that one of our most vulnerable populations were senior citizens, caused a major shortage of poll workers.

To address the poll worker shortage, the Governor activated the Wisconsin National Guard to help support the Spring Election and every subsequent 2020 statewide election in Wisconsin.

In April, over 260 WI National Guard Service Members reported in civilian attire to designated polling locations on Election Day. They were trained and served to support their local municipalities as poll workers, greeters, and support personnel at polling places across the county and state.



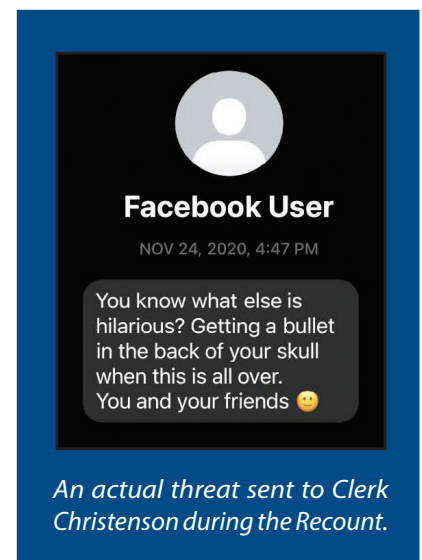
*Clerk Christenson checking in WI National Guard Service Members*

The Fall 2020 Presidential Election presented its own set of challenges to election officials. As the pandemic raged on, the country entered a period of civil unrest with the death of George Floyd. Election officials also adjusted to a dramatic shift from in-person voting to mailing out hundreds of thousands of absentee ballots, overcame a very contentious year filled with attacks on the credibility of election systems hardware, software and processes, battled against misinformation and disinformation, and in some unfortunate scenarios, were forced to endure threats to their safety. Still, election officials worked day and night to meet their statutory responsibilities to conduct the election.

To top it all off, a Presidential Recount was ordered in Milwaukee and Dane Counties. Once again, the Milwaukee County Election Commission planned, prepared, and performed this monumental task despite the extreme health risk. The Recount was observed by legal representatives of both presidential candidates as well as over 1,800 citizens. Once, concluded, the results of the Recount demonstrated that our elections are accurate, secure and transparent.

Despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary and losing numerous legal challenges, disgruntled Republican legislators continue to dispute and “investigate” the 2020 Presidential Election results. In Wisconsin, state legislators have allocated over \$700,000 of taxpayers’ money towards this fool’s errand.

Election officials in Milwaukee County and across the state worked tirelessly all year to ensure elections were administered in an efficient, fair, transparent, and safe manner during an unprecedented time in history. These brave public servants literally risked their lives to protect our right to vote.





## APPLYING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE



Getting married is one of the most significant moments in a person's life. The first step in doing so legally begins by applying for a marriage license.

Wisconsin residents are required to

obtain a marriage license at the County Clerk's office in the county where they reside. The entire process takes about 20 minutes and the cost of the license is \$110. The application requirements can be found on our website at: [county.milwaukee.gov/marriage](https://county.milwaukee.gov/marriage).

If you have any questions regarding obtaining a marriage license, please email us at [countyclerk@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:countyclerk@milwaukeecountywi.gov) or call us at (414) 278-4067.

## GEORGE MAKES HOUSE & HOSPITAL CALLS



No one should be prevented from marrying the love of their life due to illness or physical limitations. If one of the marriage license applicants cannot come to the courthouse to apply for a marriage license, the couple can request a "house call" from the County Clerk.

In situations like these, he will travel to the couple's home, hospital, hospice, or other location within Milwaukee County and assist them with the marriage license application process.

*County Clerk George Christenson assisting a couple with their marriage license paperwork at Froedtert Hospital pre-COVID.*

## MCTS FARE CARDS AND DNR LICENSES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

**MCTS Fare Cards:** Milwaukee County Transit System fare can be purchased in the County Clerk's office. For more information, including rates, please visit: [milwaukee.gov/MCTS](https://milwaukee.gov/MCTS).



**DNR Licenses:** Wisconsin fishing, hunting, trapping and harvesting licenses, as well as other DNR licenses and permits, are available for purchase. To learn more about DNR permits, please visit: [milwaukee.gov/DNR](https://milwaukee.gov/DNR).



**MCTS fare cards and DNR licenses are sold Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

## TRAVELING? GET YOUR PASSPORT AT THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE



Applying for a United States Passport is quick and easy and it can be done at the Clerk's Office. **We require an appointment and we take applications Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The cost of an adult passport (16 and older) is \$165 and a child's passport (under 16) costs \$135, which includes the processing fee. To schedule your appointment, please visit [county.milwaukee.gov/passport](https://county.milwaukee.gov/passport).

Visit [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) to learn about the requirements and documents needed to apply for a passport. All persons applying for a new passport, including children, must be present at the time of application.

## 2022 ELECTION DATES

**Election Day Voting Hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Spring Primary - February 15, 2022**

**Spring Election - April 5, 2022**

**Partisan Primary - August 9, 2022**

**General Election - November 8, 2022**

## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD – VOTE!

Find out where to vote by visiting [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) and selecting "Where do I vote?". Once you enter the required information, the system will tell you where your polling location is. You can also find out who is on your ballot and how to sign up for an absentee ballot.

The Wisconsin Voter ID Law remains in effect, which means you are required to show a valid photo ID to vote on Election Day. For more information on what forms of photo ID are acceptable, visit [bringit.wi.gov](https://bringit.wi.gov).

If you have any other questions about elections, voter ID, or where you should vote, please contact the Milwaukee County Election Commission at (414) 278-4060.



*County Clerk Christenson and Elections Director Julietta Henry determining the order of candidates on the ballot at a public drawing in the Election Commission office.*





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### Milwaukee County Clerk

George Christenson ..... (414) 278-4067

### Airports

Mitchell International Airport ..... (414) 747-5300

Timmerman Airport ..... (414) 461-3222

### Child Support Enforcement ..... (414) 615-2593

### Clerk of Circuit Court ..... (414) 278-5362

### County Board of Supervisors ..... (414) 278-4222

### County Executive ..... (414) 278-4211

### County Treasurer ..... (414) 278-4033

### Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims)..... (414) 278-5362

Criminal Division ..... (414) 278-4538

Children's Court ..... (414) 257-7700

### Department on Aging ..... (414) 289-6874

### Dept. of Health & Human Services..... (414) 289-6897

### District Attorney's Office..... (414) 278-4646

### Election Commission ..... (414) 278-4060

### Emergency/Sheriff

Sheriff (non-emergency)..... (414) 278-4700

Sheriff (non-emergency)..... (414) 278-4766

Burn Center Hotline (24 hrs)..... (414) 272-2876

Emergency Management (24 hrs) ..... (414) 257-4709

Suicide Prevention/Intervention

Mental Health Crisis ..... (414) 257-7222

Fraud Hotline ..... (414) 93-FRAUD

House of Correction ..... (414) 427-4700

Jury Services ..... (414) 278-4468

Low Income Housing/Rent Assistance... (414) 278-4894

Marcus Center for the Performing Arts... (414) 273-7121

Medical Examiner ..... (414) 223-1200

Mental Health Complex ..... (414) 257-6995

Admitting (Emergency)..... (414) 257-7260

Milwaukee Art Museum ..... (414) 224-3200

Milwaukee County Historical Society... (414) 273-8288

### Milwaukee County Parks

Boerner Botanical Gardens..... (414) 525-5600

General Information..... (414) 257-7275

Parks Hotline..... (414) 257-5100

Organized Sports..... (414) 257-8030

Golf Office ..... (414) 257-8024

Milwaukee County Zoo..... (414) 771-3040

Milwaukee Public Museum..... (414) 278-2702

### Municipalities

Bayside Village Hall ..... (414) 206-3915

Brown Deer Village Hall..... (414) 371-3000

Cudahy City Hall ..... (414) 769-2200

Fox Point Village Hall..... (414) 351-8900

Franklin City Hall ..... (414) 425-7500

Glendale City Hall..... (414) 228-1700

Greendale Village Hall ..... (414) 423-2100

Greenfield City Hall ..... (414) 329-5219

Hales Corners Village Hall..... (414) 529-6161

Milwaukee City Hall ..... (414) 286-2489

Oak Creek City Hall ..... (414) 768-6500

River Hills Village Hall..... (414) 352-8213

Shorewood Village Hall ..... (414) 847-2700

South Milwaukee City Hall ..... (414) 762-2222

St. Francis City Hall..... (414) 481-2300

Wauwatosa City Hall ..... (414) 479-8900

West Allis City Hall..... (414) 302-8200

West Milwaukee City Hall..... (414) 645-1530

Whitefish Bay Village Hall ..... (414) 962-6690

Office of Persons with Disabilities .... (414) 278-3932

Register in Probate ..... (414) 278-4444

Register of Deeds ..... (414) 278-4021

### Transit System

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares..... (414) 344-6711

Customer Comments ..... (414) 937-3218

Transit Plus..... (414) 343-1700

UW-Extension ..... (414) 615-0550

Veterans Services ..... (414) 266-1234

### Victim/Witness Service

General Information-Felony ..... (414) 278-4667

**FREE Days at Milwaukee County Attractions - [www.milwaukee.gov/freedays](http://www.milwaukee.gov/freedays)**



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DECORATIVE ARTS MUSEUM

Charles Allis  
Art Museum